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(if otherwise applicable to subcontracts) at or below the simplified acquisition threshold:

- (1) 41 U.S.C. 57 (a) and (b) (Anti-Kickback Act of 1986). (Only the requirement for the incorporation of the contractor procedures for the prevention and detection of violations, and the contractual requirement for contractor cooperation in investigations are inapplicable.).
- (2) 40 U.S.C. 3131 (Miller Act). (Although the Miller Act does not apply to contracts at or below the simplified acquisition threshold, alternative forms of payment protection for suppliers of labor and material (see 28.102) are still required if the contract exceeds \$30,000 (40 U.S.C 3132).).
- (3) 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.* (Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act—Overtime Compensation).
- (4) 41 U.S.C. 701(a)(1) (Section 5152 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988), except for individuals.
- (5) 42 U.S.C. 6962 (Solid Waste Disposal Act). (The requirement to provide an estimate of recovered material utilized in contract performance does not apply unless the contract value exceeds \$150,000.)
- (6) 10 U.S.C. 2306(b) and 41 U.S.C. 254(a) (Contract Clause Regarding Contingent Fees).
- (7) 10 U.S.C. 2313 and 41 U.S.C. 254(e) (Authority to Examine Books and Records of Contractors).
- (8) 10 U.S.C. 2402 and 41 U.S.C. 253g (Prohibition on Limiting Subcontractor Direct Sales to the United States).
- (9) 15 U.S.C. 631 note (HUBZone Act of 1997), except for 15 U.S.C. 657a(b)(2)(B), which is optional for the agencies subject to the requirements of the Act.
- (10) 31 U.S.C. 1354(a) (Limitation on use of appropriated funds for contracts with entities not meeting veterans employment reporting requirements).
- (b) When acquiring commercial items or supplies or services procured in accordance with 12.102(f)(1) and (f)(2), the contracting officer may use a combined synopsis and solicitation. The FAR Council may make exceptions when it determines in writing that it is in the best interest of the Government that the enactment should apply to con-

tracts or subcontracts not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.

- (c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section do not apply to laws that—
- this section do not apply to laws that—
 (1) Provide for criminal or civil penalties; or
- (2) Specifically state that notwithstanding the language of Section 4101, Public Law 103–355, the enactment will be applicable to contracts or subcontracts in amounts not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.
- (d) Any individual may petition the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), to include any applicable provision of law not included on the list set forth in paragraph (a) of this section unless the FAR Council has already determined in writing that the law is applicable. The Administrator, OFPP, will include the law on the list in paragraph (a) of this section unless the FAR Council makes a determination that it is applicable within 60 days of receiving the petition.

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13.006 Inapplicable provisions and clauses.

While certain statutes still apply, pursuant to Public Law 103–355, the following provisions and clauses are inapplicable to contracts and subcontracts at or below the simplified acquisition threshold:

- (a) 52.203–5, Covenant Against Contingent Fees.
- (b) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the

Government.

- (c) 52.203-7, Anti-Kickback Procedures.
- (d) 52.215–2, Audits and Records—Negotiation, except as used with its Alternate I, when using funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–5).
- (e) 52.222–4, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act—Overtime Compensation.
- (f) 52.223-6, Drug-Free Workplace, except for individuals.

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(g) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items.

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Subpart 13.1—Procedures

13.101 General.

- (a) In making purchases, contracting officers shall—
- (1) Comply with the policy in 7.202 relating to economic purchase quantities, when practicable;
- (2) Satisfy the procedures described in subpart 19.6 with respect to Certificates of Competency before rejecting a quotation, oral or written, from a small business concern determined to be nonresponsible (see subpart 9.1); and
- (3) Provide for the inspection of supplies or services as prescribed in 46.404.
- (b) In making purchases, contracting officers should—
- (1) Include related items (such as small hardware items or spare parts for vehicles) in one solicitation and make award on an "all-or-none" or "multiple award" basis provided suppliers are so advised when quotations or offers are requested;
- (2) Incorporate provisions and clauses by reference in solicitations and in awards under requests for quotations, provided the requirements in 52.102 are satisfied;
- (3) Make maximum effort to obtain trade and prompt payment discounts (see 14.408-3). Prompt payment discounts shall not be considered in the evaluation of quotations; and
- (4) Use bulk funding to the maximum extent practicable. Bulk funding is a system whereby the contracting officer receives authorization from a fiscal and accounting officer to obligate funds on purchase documents against a specified lump sum of funds reserved for the purpose for a specified period of time rather than obtaining individual obligational authority on each purchase document. Bulk funding is particularly appropriate if numerous purchases using the same type of funds are to be made during a given period.

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13.102 Source list.

- (a) Contracting officers should use the Central Contractor Registration database (see subpart 4.11) at http://www.ccr.gov as their primary sources of vendor information. Offices maintaining additional vendor source files or listings should identify the status of each source (when the status is made known to the contracting office) in the following categories:
 - (1) Small business.
 - (2) Small disadvantaged business.
- (3) Women-owned small business concern, including economically disadvantaged women-owned small business concerns and women-owned small business concerns eligible under the Woman-owned Small Business (WOSB) Program.
 - (4) HUBZone small business.
- (5) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business.
 - (6) Veteran-owned small business.
- (b) The status information may be used as the basis to ensure that small business concerns are provided the maximum practicable opportunities to respond to solicitations issued using simplified acquisition procedures.

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13.103 Use of standing price quotations.

Authorized individuals do not have to obtain individual quotations for each purchase. Standing price quotations may be used if—

- (a) The pricing information is current; and
- (b) The Government obtains the benefit of maximum discounts before award.

13.104 Promoting competition.

The contracting officer must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase.

- (a) The contracting officer must
- (1) Solicit quotations based on personal preference; or